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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
Case No. 05-44481-rdd

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In the Matter of:

DPH HOLDINGS CORP., ET AL.,

Debtors.

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HON. ROBERT D. DRAIN
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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P R O C E E D I N G S

THE COURT: Good morning. In re DPH Holdings Corporation.

MR. LYONS: Good morning, Your Honor, John Lyons on behalf of DPH Holdings.

Today on both agendas there are really only two contested matters; the rest have either been settled or adjourned. So first, turning to the omnibus hearing agenda, this is now the sixty-seventh omnibus hearing. There is one contested matter and that is the request for stay of order filed by Mr. Sumpter. My colleague Nick Campanario is going to address the merits of that request, Your Honor. And then again, we did file a brief which I believe outlines our arguments in opposition.

THE COURT: Right. Okay.
Mr. Campanario, you're on the phone, right?

MR. CAMPANARIO: Yeah, that's right.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPANARIO: Good morning, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. So do you have anything to add to your papers?

MR. CAMPANARIO: Well, I don't know if Mr. Sumpter is on the phone, but since it's his motion, at least the way I envisioned it was that he would maybe present first and then I would respond to that.

1 THE COURT: Okay. I don't have him listed on
2 CourtCall.

3 Mr. Sumpter, are you on the phone?

4 (No audible response.)

5 COURTCALL: We have no appearance scheduled for Mr.
6 Sumpter via CourtCall, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: All right. He was obviously aware that
8 this hearing had been scheduled; it had been scheduled at his
9 request.

10 All right. I have reviewed the pleadings, including
11 the filings by the VEBA trust and the VEBA committee, as well
12 as the debtor -- or the reorganized debtor. Does anyone have
13 anything to add to those pleadings?

14 MS. BEATY: Your Honor, this is Patricia Beaty of
15 Krieg DeVault for VEBA committee. I don't have anything to
16 add, but I wanted to let you know that I was on the phone.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. CAMPANARIO: Nothing to add here, Your Honor --
19 Nick Campanario.

20 THE COURT: All right. All right. Then I'll issue my
21 ruling. Mr. James Sumpter, S-U-M-P-T-E-R, has made a motion
22 for a stay of an order entered recently by the Court in this
23 case, which appears at docket 21306. Granting a motion by the
24 Trust and the -- the VEBA trust and the 1114 Committee jointly,
25 it was not opposed by the debtor.

1 Deeming or clarifying the record that the
2 establishment of the VEBA benefit among other things -- or
3 among settling other issues in the case, resolved -- or was in
4 lieu of claims that could have been asserted by the VEBA
5 parties for COBRA. Those parties, in fact, did not assert
6 those claims during the case in an active way. Instead, the
7 only party to do so in the case was Mr. Sumpter.

8 He raised the potential COBRA claim twice in this
9 case, first, in opposition to the debtors' motion to terminate
10 retiree benefits. I granted that motion, and in so doing
11 overruled Mr. Sumpter's objection. Secondly, Mr. Sumpter filed
12 an expedited motion to enforce COBRA benefit for Delphi
13 salaried retirees, and a motion for COBRA settlement (COBRA
14 benefit motion) on July 10th, 2009. Which I heard at the --
15 based on the expedited request -- at the hearing on Delphi's
16 request to modify its confirmed Chapter 11 plan, which I held
17 on July 29th, 2009, and thereafter gave my ruling on July 30th,
18 2009.

19 I treated Mr. Sumpter's expedited motion from July 10,
20 2009 equally as an objection to Delphi's proposed modified plan
21 as well as a stand-alone motion. I overruled the motion in its
22 capacity as an objection to the plan as referenced in the July
23 30th plan modification order -- July 30th, 2009 plan
24 modification order, and as set forth in my bench ruling from
25 July 30th, 2009. I also issued an order denying Mr. Sumpter's

1 motion in which I denied the motion having already -- as moved
2 having already ruled against him on the motion in connection
3 with the plan modification order. That second order was
4 entered by me on August 30th, 2009.

5 Those two orders -- i.e., the plan modification order
6 and the August 30, 2009 order were not appealed by Mr. Sumpter
7 and have become final, obviously, years ago. Notwithstanding
8 that fact, Mr. Sumpter has requested a stay of my recent order
9 granting the VEBA trust motion on the ground -- as stated in
10 his motion -- that he seeks an opportunity to submit a motion
11 for reconsideration of his July 10th, 2009 motion and the
12 orders that I issued in July and August 2009 denying that
13 motion. The rationale for seeking -- eventually -- a motion
14 under presumably Bankruptcy Rule 9024 -- although that basis in
15 the Rules is not stated in his present motion before the
16 Court -- is "based on the fact that movant has secured an IRS
17 ruling letter", which Mr. Sumpter believes is contrary to the
18 Court's bench ruling from July 30, 2009 in which I denied his
19 July 10 motion.

20 In addition, Mr. Sumpter states that he also needs
21 time to hire an economist and time for the economist to perform
22 the required analysis regarding the underlying financial
23 conditions during the two critical COBRA-related dates.
24 Ultimately, then, the legal basis for Mr. Sumpter's present
25 motion to stay my order on the VEBA committee's motion is

1 premised upon his ability to obtain the vacatur of the July
2 30th, 2009 plan modification order and the August 3, 2009 order
3 denying his July 30th motion as a stand-alone motion as moot
4 now having -- my having already ruled on it in the July 30th
5 order -- and bench ruling. The reorganized debtor, DPH
6 Holdings, as well as the VEBA Committee for the Delphi Salaried
7 Retirees Association Benefit Trust and The Official Committee
8 of Salaried Retirees have each objected to the stay motion by
9 Mr. Sumpter, as well.

10 The standard for obtaining a stay pending appeal is
11 clear in this circuit with one potential exception that is not
12 relevant here. All courts agree that under Bankruptcy Rule
13 8005, which governs the procedures for seeking a stay pending
14 appeal, a party seeking a stay has the "heavy burden" to
15 demonstrate: one, whether the movant will suffer irreparable
16 injury absent a stay; two, whether a party will suffer
17 substantial injury if a stay is issued -- that is another
18 party; three, whether the movant has demonstrated a substantial
19 possibility -- although less than a likelihood -- of success on
20 appeal; and four, the public interests that may be affected.
21 See *In re Calpine Corp.*, 2008 Bankr. LEXIS 217 at 10 (Bankr.
22 S.D.N.Y. 2008), as well as *In re Adelpia Communications*
23 *Corporation*, 361 B.R. 337, 346 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), and *In re*
24 *Suprema Specialties, Inc.* 330 B.R. 93, 95 (S.D.N.Y. 2005).

25 The only potential area of confusion in this circuit

1 is whether the moving party must show all of the forgoing four
2 factors or, you know, in the alternative, whether the movant,
3 in establishing its heavy burden, may assert factors in a way
4 so that the court can balance them against the other. This
5 issue discussed by Judge Lifland in the Calpine case here, as
6 elsewhere in the case law, the showing of irreparable harm is
7 the principle requisite for the issuance of a stay under
8 Bankruptcy Rule 8005. See Grand River Enters. Six Nations Ltd.
9 v. Pryor 481 F.3d 60, 67 (2nd Circuit 2007).

10 In that the moving party must first demonstrate that
11 such injury is likely before the other requirements for the
12 issuance of injunction will be considered, see also Mohammed v.
13 Reno 309 F.3d 95, 100 (2nd Circuit 2002), where the court said
14 the probability of success that must be demonstrated is
15 inversely proportional to the amount of irreparable injury
16 plaintiff will suffer absent the stay. Simply stated, "More of
17 one excuse is less of the other".

18 The motion asserts irreparable harm here in that the
19 movant, Mr. Sumpter, apparently believes that the issuance of
20 my order would serve apparently as a declaration that all
21 potential COBRA claimants had settled their COBRA claims in
22 lieu of the VEBA benefit that the debtors agreed to with the
23 VEBA committee and the statutory 1114 committee. That notion
24 of a declaratory judgment in that the settlement would be
25 binding on all parties as a settlement of COBRA claims does not

1 appear to be apparent from the order that I entered earlier
2 this month.

3 I also should note that the existence of such a
4 settlement has been a matter of record for years and the
5 underlying support for the debtors' payment of a settlement has
6 been a matter of record for years. And in addition, the so-
7 called private letter ruling that Mr. Sumpter says he has
8 obtained and which he seeks to have be a basis for a motion to
9 vacate the confirmation order and/or the August 3rd order --
10 August 3rd, 2009 order denying his motion has been present for
11 several years, i.e., since November of 2009.

12 Given those facts, it's difficult for me to see
13 irreparable harm to the movant now in light of all the time
14 that has passed. But I do not find that Mr. Sumpter has
15 carried his burden to show imminent and irreparable harm by the
16 entry of the -- an enforcement of the Court's order granting
17 the VEBA committee's motion. I agree with the objectors -- the
18 1114 Committee and the VEBA trust committee -- that granting
19 Mr. Sumpter's motion and staying my order could provide
20 substantial -- or cause substantial injury to them since the
21 purpose of their seeking such an order was to make it clear to
22 the IRS and obviate the need to go back through additional
23 peeling of the onion with regard to the initial settlement
24 setting up the VEBA benefit -- that part of the consideration
25 in the debtors settling with the VEBA committee was to resolve

1 any potential outstanding COBRA issues.

2 The reason that there would be a potential -- a
3 serious potential for substantial injury to the nonmoving
4 parties is that they are seeking a letter ruling from the IRS
5 to confirm that fact and have a time deadline to do so. The
6 letter ruling process is potentially lengthy and a stay of my
7 order would cloud that process, and I believe provide -- or
8 cause the potential that the IRS would simply not issue a
9 ruling until that cloud was removed.

10 The most important factor here, however -- although I
11 find that Mr. Sumpter has not shown irreparable harm and that
12 there is a substantial injury -- or there would be to the
13 nonmoving third-party objectors here, is the likelihood of
14 success factor. I find that there is literally no likelihood
15 of success that Mr. Sumpter would prevail on his ultimate
16 necessary precondition here for relief, which is obtaining an
17 order to vacate the plan modification order, as well as my
18 August 3rd, 2009 order denying his July 10, 2009 motion.

19 As the debtors point out, under Bankruptcy Rule 9024
20 there is a unique time limitation on requests to revoke an
21 order confirming a plan, which the plan modification order was;
22 that time limit is 180 days. It exists, obviously, because of
23 Congress' desire to have a finality to the confirmation of
24 Chapter 11 plans that is prescribed by much more restrictive
25 time limit -- or a much more restrictive time limit than the

1 general time limit applicable to motions under Rule 60, which
2 is incorporated into Bankruptcy Rule 9024. Clearly more than
3 180 days has lapsed since the entry of the July 30th, 2009 plan
4 modification order.

5 The Court treated Mr. Sumpter's July 10, 2009 motion
6 as an objection to the plan -- and Mr. Sumpter did as well --
7 both as to the feasibility of the plan under Section 1129 as
8 well as to whether the plan complied with applicable law and
9 was proposed in good faith. Mr. Sumpter contended that because
10 of his view that he and others like him were entitled to an
11 unlimited COBRA benefit until their death, the debtor would owe
12 hundreds of millions of dollars, which would completely
13 undermine the plan in that the debtors' intention to proceed in
14 derogation of its responsibility to provide for such a benefit
15 was not in good faith and contrary to applicable law.

16 I concluded, to the contrary, that based on my
17 analysis of the applicable statute and regulations as set forth
18 in the transcript of my bench ruling from July 30th, that under
19 the circumstances here there was a twelve-month window upon
20 which unlimited COBRA benefits could be triggered after the
21 commencement of Delphi's Chapter 11 case, construing 29 U.S.C.
22 Section 1163.

23 Since the benefits were terminated more than twelve
24 months -- and, in fact, considerably more than twelve months
25 after Delphi's petition date in a context where Delphi had very

1 clearly intended to maintain those benefits beforehand and
2 where Delphi's original confirmed Chapter 11 plan had provided
3 for the maintenance of such benefits, clearly new financial
4 circumstances had occurred -- i.e., the total collapse of the
5 auto market in light of the financial recession -- that changed
6 that path, and since those events occurred more than twelve
7 months after the petition date, there was a -- based on my
8 reading of the statute -- an exception to the rule that Mr.
9 Sumpter was relying upon.

10 His focus was simply on his disagreement with the
11 debtors' position as to whether the twelve-month limitation
12 applied to both pre and post-petition periods. He viewed the
13 limitation applying only to pre-petition periods; the debtor
14 viewed, obviously, that it applied to both pre and post-
15 petition, and I agreed with the debtors. The ruling, as I
16 said, is now not subject to Rule 60 challenge or any other
17 challenge other than fraud in the adducement, which was not
18 asserted by Mr. Sumpter here as based upon the 180-day
19 limitation that I've already discussed.

20 Furthermore, to the extent that the confirmation
21 order -- or the plan modification order of July 30th, 2009
22 wouldn't apply -- and when we're focusing on seeking vacatur of
23 the August 3rd order -- although I don't believe that that
24 would be the appropriate approach -- Rule 60 as incorporated in
25 Rule 9024 wouldn't apply there either.

1 With regard to that order standing on its own, Rule 60
2 as incorporated by Rule 9024 sets forth six factors -- or six
3 bases for a court relieving a party of a final judgment or
4 order: one, mistaken advertent surprise or excusable neglect;
5 two, newly discovered evidence, which by due diligence could
6 not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under
7 Rule 59(b); fraud, whether heretofore denominated in intrinsic
8 or extrinsic misrepresentation or other misconduct of an
9 adverse party; four, the judgment is void; five, the judgment
10 has been satisfied, released or discharged, or a prior judgment
11 upon which it is based has been reversed or otherwise vacated,
12 or it is no longer equitable that the judgment should have
13 prospective application; or six, any other reason justifying
14 relief from the operation of a judgment.

15 The catchall provision is not intended to apply in a
16 situation where any of the prior five provisions would apply;
17 reasons one, two and three give rise to a basis for vacatur and
18 reconsideration of vacatur for no more than a year after the
19 entry of the judgment order or the date of the proceeding. The
20 only two grounds that could even be remotely applicable here
21 are ground number two, newly discovered evidence which by due
22 diligence could not have been discovered in time to move for a
23 new trial under Rule 59(b), which is precluded by the one-year
24 limitation that I've just mentioned; and six, the catchall
25 provision.

1 I should note that the so-called IRS ruling that Mr.
2 Sumpter is relying upon is clearly not that; on its face it is
3 not stated as a ruling, but rather only as general observations
4 about a bankruptcy qualifying event. Moreover, it is simply a
5 restatement -- albeit from an IRS official -- of the statute,
6 although it is stated as not being binding on the IRS. It
7 confirms that there is a twenty-four month period that could
8 only be pre and post since the statute refers to twelve months,
9 and that that period is an exception in the situation where the
10 underlying financial condition that led to the bankruptcy is
11 not a major contributing factor leading to the termination of
12 coverage.

13 But in any event, the law is clear that even if it
14 were taken to be a change in decisional law, relief should not
15 be granted under Rule 60(b), and in particular under Rule
16 60(b)(6). See Moore's -- I'm sorry, see 12 Moore's Federal
17 Practice section 60.485(b) where the editors go on to say, "the
18 rationale for denying relief in such a situation is
19 particularly strong in cases in which a party had not bothered
20 to appeal to challenge existing law and then hopes to benefit
21 from the efforts of some other person's appeal", or I believe a
22 later development in the law that that party could not obtain
23 itself. That the editors of Moore state that this, "should
24 never be considered an extraordinary circumstance under which
25 equity would set aside a final judgment".

1 So I find that there is literally no likelihood of
2 success on appeal here since the appeal would be premised upon
3 vacatur of the plan modification order as well as the August
4 3rd, 2009 order and there is no basis under Rule 9024 otherwise
5 to vacate those orders. The last public policy interest
6 provision is at best neutral here for Mr. Sumpter, although
7 given the potential harm to many third parties as described in
8 the two briefs submitted by the retirees and the VEBA trust and
9 the lack of merit to Mr. Sumpter's underlying legal arguments I
10 conclude that the public interest is against staying my recent
11 order.

12 So for all those reasons I'll deny Mr. Sumpter's
13 motion. The debtor can submit an order doing so consistent
14 with my ruling.

15 MR. LYONS: Thank you, Your Honor. We will do so.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MS. BEATY: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 MR. LYONS: That's it for the omnibus hearing, Your
20 Honor.

21 Now we turn to the forty-fifth claims hearing agenda.
22 Items 1 through 8 and items 11 -- which is the Conway matter --
23 those have all been adjourned. Item number 10, which is the
24 claim relating to FCI entities, that I understand has been
25 settled. So that just leaves item number 9, which is the

1 sufficiency matter for Philip J. Carson's claim.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 MR. LYONS: So we'd like to turn to that. I believe
4 Mr. Carson is on the line.

5 THE COURT: Are you on the phone, Mr. Carson?

6 MR. CARSON: This is Philip Carson, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Good morning.

8 MR. CARSON: Good morning.

9 MR. LYONS: And as Your Honor may recall, last time we
10 were before you on Mr. Carson's matter it was in relation to a
11 motion to deny the claim on the grounds that it was late; there
12 were some issues regarding the service and where Mr. Carson
13 was. His mother was ill, so per the Court's admonition we did
14 reach out to Mr. Carson to discuss settlement. In that context
15 though, we did note that Mr. Carson has also been -- filed and
16 pursuing a Workers' Compensation claim under the state of
17 Michigan laws and that precipitated the notice of sufficiency
18 hearing. Because like, you know, most other states -- almost
19 all states that have a Workers' Compensation framework, if an
20 injury occurs while the employee is working at a workplace, the
21 sole remedy of that employee is to pursue a Workers'
22 Compensation claim.

23 THE COURT: And if Mr. Carson successfully pursues
24 that claim, what would happen?

25 MR. LYONS: What would happen -- the state of Michigan

1 also filed a timely administrative claim for Workers'
2 Compensation matters, so the way that would work, Your Honor,
3 is -- because Michigan has a timely filed administrative claim,
4 ultimately the debtors would pay that post-petition Workers'
5 Compensation claim.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. LYONS: So again, what we would ask for Your Honor
8 is to --

9 THE COURT: So if Mr. Carson's successful, let's say
10 he gets the Workers' Compensation Board and however -- whatever
11 levels of appeal that people go through -- conclude that he's
12 entitled to dollar X, whatever that amount is, that would get
13 paid by DPH?

14 MR. LYONS: Or Michigan -- or the state of Michigan.

15 THE COURT: Or Michigan and then DPH -- and then
16 Michigan would have whatever subrogation claim or other claim
17 it would have against DPH?

18 MR. LYONS: Correct, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 MR. LYONS: So again, what relief we're seeking is
21 really to have Mr. Carson's claim disallowed without prejudice
22 to his rights to pursue this Workers' Compensation claim.

23 THE COURT: Okay. So he has a timely marker in his
24 proof of claim so he can pursue that Workers' Compensation
25 claim?

1 MR. LYONS: Well, Your Honor, I don't know exactly
2 what all the defenses are to the Workers' Compensation --

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. LYONS: -- claim itself --

5 THE COURT: Fine.

6 MR. LYONS: -- so I don't want to prejudice -- you
7 know -- DPH's defense of that --

8 THE COURT: Right. But if it's allowed, the debtor
9 would -- let me step back. If I granted the debtors' objection
10 today, if the Workers' Compensation claim ultimately is allowed
11 by the Workers' Compensation Board and any appeals -- after any
12 appeals there from, my disallowance of the claim here doesn't
13 affect his right to get paid?

14 MR. LYONS: Correct.

15 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Okay. Mr. Carson, I
16 don't know if that's made things clearer for you, but I'm happy
17 to hear from you on this point.

18 MR. CARSON: Okay. Yes. I've read all the memos that
19 the law firms have sent me. They sent me a supplemental reply
20 in reference to all the facts that were just issued. I don't
21 know, Your Honor, if you have a copy of my response to them.

22 THE COURT: What did -- just -- if you could summarize
23 it.

24 MR. CARSON: It won't take long.

25 THE COURT: I think I did, but if you could just

1 summarize it.

2 MR. CARSON: The Workers' Comp, as it is there's a
3 case pending right now and of course, it's with the PBGC or
4 they have to figure that out as we just talked about. But my
5 visibility of this whole thing is that it was negligent on the
6 company's part to have the canisters there. Yes, I was working
7 and I was the maintenance supervisor and I had to get the
8 assembly lines back to work and I think I mentioned that before
9 it was my job to do that, and I -- you know, these canisters
10 were out there for twenty-some years and it shouldn't have been
11 there because we do yearly audits -- or the plant that I was
12 assigned to does.

13 And I was looking at this twofold, being a Workers'
14 Comp thing that would help me out with the horrendous amount of
15 pay that I view that's being lost, because when I was sixty I
16 was sent out -- and I had plans because I'm very healthy -- to
17 work longer than that; and so that would take care of that.
18 But the reason I put in -- you know, submitted this
19 administrative claim was because of all the pain and anguish
20 and the suffering I'm going through because I just located
21 myself in Florida for better air, and there's supposed to be
22 the cleanest, best air down here in Ormond Beach and -- but,
23 you know, it's not really where I wanted to live, but I'm doing
24 it so I can breathe better. I can't breathe inside the
25 enclosed areas too good, I have to -- you know, if I go into a

1 doctor's office or something like that then I have to get out
2 because I've got to have volume of air.

3 So anyway, I don't want to go on and on, but these are
4 the kinds of things and other things that changed my life to
5 thinking that this -- the administrative claim would help me
6 work through this, so --

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. CARSON: That's in summary of the whole thing, and
9 there's a lot more, but it's not the time, so.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Well, the consideration that I have
11 to take into account here, however, is that the allowance of
12 your claim against the debtors is governed by the law of
13 Michigan; that's where this -- where you inhaled the gas.

14 MR. CARSON: Right.

15 THE COURT: Or where the factory was where you say you
16 inhaled the gas.

17 MR. CARSON: Right.

18 THE COURT: Under Michigan law the legislature is
19 established as part of the Workers' Disability Compensation Act
20 that an employee's exclusive remedy -- only remedy against an
21 employer for personal injury or occupational disease is the
22 recovery of the benefits provided for in that Workers'
23 Compensation Act.

24 MR. CARSON: Right. Right.

25 THE COURT: This is ultimately a negligence claim --

1 again, that the company was negligent in leaving the canisters
2 in the condition they were in where they were -- where you say
3 you found them. And therefore the exception to that exclusive
4 remedy doesn't apply. The only exception is an intentional
5 tort and the Supreme Court of Michigan has been very clear on
6 that in construing the Workers' Compensation statute.

7 MR. CARSON: Right.

8 THE COURT: In a case called Gray v. Morley --

9 MR. CARSON: Right.

10 THE COURT: -- 460 Mich. 738 (1999).

11 So I believe that the debtors are correct that your
12 only remedy here is to continue to pursue your Workers'
13 Compensation claim under the Workers' Disability Compensation
14 Act. And my disallowance of your administrative claim here is
15 without prejudice to your rights in that Workers' Compensation
16 proceeding, including if ultimately you're -- you know, you're
17 found to be entitled to payment by either the debtor or, as
18 would probably happen, the state of Michigan.

19 And the exclusive exception is in Section 418.1311 of
20 that Workers' Compensation Act, so I'm going to grant the
21 debtors' objection. Again, as they say and as we made clear on
22 the record, it's without prejudice to your continued right to
23 get -- if in fact you win in the Workers' Compensation case
24 that's pending -- to get paid on that claim, either from
25 Michigan --

1 MR. CARSON: Right.

2 THE COURT: -- or from the debtor under the Michigan
3 act.

4 So I'm going to ask the debtor to submit an order
5 consistent with that ruling.

6 MR. LYONS: We will do so, Your Honor. And we'll copy
7 Mr. Carson.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

9 MR. LYONS: All right, Your Honor, that's it for the
10 claims agenda. I thought I would quickly sum up where we are
11 just generally speaking with claims that are out there, and
12 this won't take more than a minute or so.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. LYONS: We have about eighty or so claims, both
15 pre-petition and post-petition. There are, you know, several
16 significant claims, including the Ohio Workers' Compensation
17 claim, which we're in active discussions with them, but that is
18 a, you know --

19 THE COURT: I'm sorry, I jostled the microphone.
20 Ohio, you say?

21 MR. LYONS: Yeah.

22 THE COURT: Yeah.

23 MR. LYONS: The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

24 THE COURT: Right.

25 MR. LYONS: We're working with them --

1 THE COURT: Right.

2 MR. LYONS: -- but that's a pretty significant claim.

3 THE COURT: Right.

4 MR. LYONS: We have a number of federal claims that
5 we're negotiating with the U.S. government on, and there are
6 also a host of environmental claims. Some of the environmental
7 claims go away though, once DPH is able to sell off certain
8 sites, so those are being wound down and disposed of.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. LYONS: Then, you know, assorted trade claims, but
11 we're making really good progress on those. Then up on appeal
12 we have the Ace Michigan sovereign immunity issue; that's
13 before the Second Circuit --

14 THE COURT: Right.

15 MR. LYONS: -- I believe oral argument's going to be
16 August 28th.

17 Also up on appeal is the Michigan post-petition
18 assessment claim; that's fully briefed awaiting ruling from the
19 district court. Then of course, two days ago there were a
20 bunch of avoidance actions, so those still are wending their
21 way through the process.

22 THE COURT: Right.

23 MR. LYONS: So that's pretty much where we are, you
24 know, and Methode as well is out there. You know, ultimately
25 we're looking forward to case closing when the rest of these

1 matters get resolved.

2 THE COURT: I am too.

3 MR. LYONS: So -- but we're making progress and I
4 think we're keeping our --

5 THE COURT: No, I think you're --

6 MR. LYONS: -- eye on the ball.

7 THE COURT: I mean, I said this yesterday -- or the
8 day before yesterday. You clearly are making progress, given
9 where you started with over 13,000 claim objections.

10 Okay.

11 MR. LYONS: So that's it. Thank you, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Thank you.

13 (Whereupon these proceedings were concluded at 10:54 AM)

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